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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (currently amended) A method for exposing an image sensor, comprising:
 - taking multiple color data readings with a series of sensing elements in one collecting location during a single exposure, wherein the taking comprises directing light successively to the sensing elements of the series of sensing elements within one exposure, the directing via reflective optics;
 - determining a sensing element of the series of sensing elements is defective, wherein the sensing element is associated with a color:
 - redirecting light to align a non-defective sensing element of the series of sensing elements with the one collecting location, wherein the non-defective sensing element is associated with the color;
 - associating the one collecting location with a pixel position in an image to be portrayed; and
 - determining a color value for the pixel position in the image based on the multiple color data readings.
- (canceled)
- (original) The method of claim 1, wherein taking comprises taking multiple color data
 - readings with more than one sensing elements, wherein the more than one sensing elements comprise color filters selected from a group of color filters comprising red, green, blue, evan, orange, vellow, magenta, or clear.

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4. - 6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining a color value comprises calculating the color value with at least one of the multiple color data readings.

8-21. (canceled)

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- 22. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the directing comprises directing light to the series of sensing elements successively within one exposure, the directing via a digital micromirror and control circuitry.
- the taking comprises taking multiple color data readings with a series of sensing elements of an array, the array comprising an image sensor; the array contains extra rows and columns of sensing elements forming an outline around the edges of the array; and

(previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the taking comprises taking fewer data readings during an exposure with one or more sensing elements of the outline than with sensing elements of the interior of the array.

24-25. (canceled)